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**Sent:** Wed 5/7/2014 8:04:19 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Time to clean the Passaic River!

Dave, thanks for the follow-up. I will add your updates to our blog site. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend tonight due to a prior engagement in South Jersey. Mayor Quintana, East Ward Councilman August Amador, Damon Rich (City of Newark Panning Director), and Stephanie Greenwood (City of Newark Sustainability Director) will be in attendance tonight to represent the City. Hope it's a great turn out!

Regards,

Chris

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Hi Chris, I look forward to seeing you tonight. Two things:

- We are not publicly enforcing a 2 minute time limit. We will make a call at the meeting as to how much time folks might have based on how many sign up for comment/question. But I do

appreciate what is being signaled in terms of making comments more concise to allow for all to get their comments in

- Please visit <http://www.epa.gov/region2/passaicriver/> to link to updated fact sheets with the new comment period close date of July 21. We also posted fact sheets translated into Spanish and Portuguese.

**From:** Newark Riverfront Revival [<mailto:newarkriverfront@gmail.com@mail26.wdc03.rsgsv.net>] **On**  
**Behalf Of** Newark Riverfront Revival  
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## **What's up down by the river May 7, 2014**

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- 1. EPA announces Passaic River clean-up**
- 2. TONIGHT 7 pm! EPA public hearing on Passaic River clean-up**
- 3. 5/22: Friends of Riverfront Park meeting**

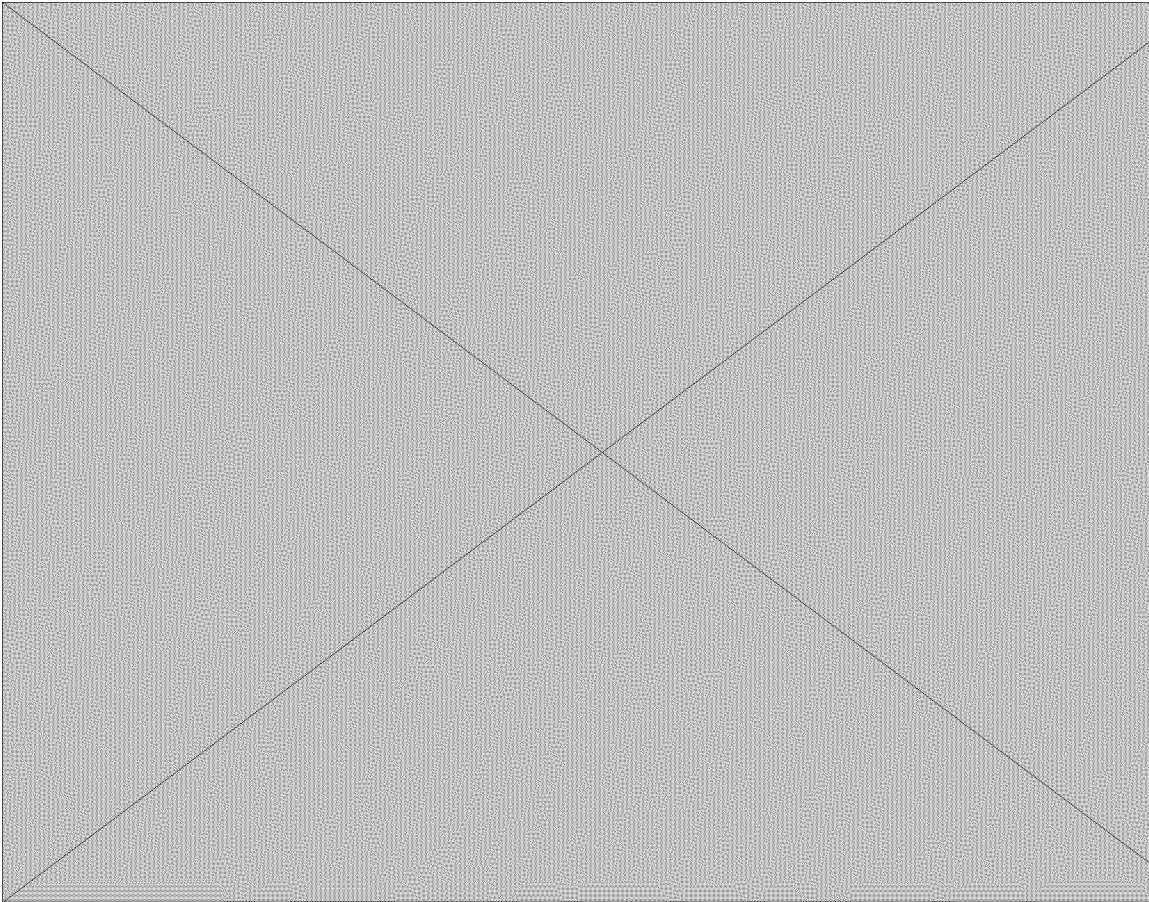
### **1. EPA announces Passaic River clean-up**

On April 11, 2014, at Newark Riverfront Park's Orange Boardwalk, the US Environmental Protection Agency announced its long-awaited cleanup plan for the lower eight miles of the Passaic River. The proposal includes bank-to-bank dredging of the river and the removal of 4.3 million cubic yards of contaminated sediment. As per Superfund law, the clean-up will be funded by the companies responsible for the pollution. Newarkers and others have advocated for the river clean-up for decades; this announcement brings the dream of a clean, safe, and healthy river another step closer to reality.

Learn more!

"Judith Enck, regional administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency who made the cleanup announcement at a riverfront park in Newark, said the Passaic has been plagued by pollution for far too long. 'We've studied this for years. The river communities have suffered for long enough,' she said."

"Massive, \$1.7 billion environmental cleanup of Passaic River proposed by EPA," Star-Ledger, 4/11/14.



"The E.P.A.'s plan is ambitious, necessary, long overdue and definitely good news for those who believe that humans should again enjoy this once-thriving waterway."

"A Cleanup Plan for a Toxic River," New York Times, 4/15/14.

[EPA Fact Sheet: An Overview of the Problems \(PDF download\)](#)

[EPA Fact Sheet: Overview of EPA's Cleanup Proposal \(PDF download\)](#)

[EPA Proposed Plan for Cleanup of the Lower Eight Miles of the Passaic River \(PDF download\)](#)

[EPA Superfund website](#)

[Lower Passaic River Restoration Project website](#)

## **2. TONIGHT 7 pm! EPA public hearing on Passaic River clean-up**

Tonight, Wednesday, May 7, the US Environmental Protection Agency will hold the first of three public hearings on the proposed clean-up of the Passaic River. All are invited to learn more about the proposed clean-up and offer their thoughts and feedback to the federal government.

The hearing will begin with a brief presentation by the federal government followed by spoken comments from the public, which will be limited to two minutes. EPA will also accept written testimony. For more information please visit [ourpassaic.org](http://ourpassaic.org).

Everyone who cares about the future of the Passaic and its neighboring communities should attend!

Passaic Clean-Up Public Hearing  
Wednesday, May 7, 7 pm  
Portuguese Sports Club, 55 Prospect Street, Newark, NJ 07105

Future hearings:

May 21, 2014 at 6 pm  
Franklin School  
100 Davis Avenue, Kearny, NJ 07032

June 2014  
Belleville, NJ  
Specific date and location to be determined

### **3. 5/22: Friends of Riverfront Park meeting**

Join a group of dedicated volunteers that works to fill Newark's riverfront with positive activity, ensure public safety, and provide everyone in Newark a reason to come to check out the city's newest public spaces.

Thursday, May 22, 2014, 6–7:30 pm  
Riverbank Park Fieldhouse in Riverbank Park  
27 Somme Street, Ironbound, Newark

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Newark Riverfront Revival (NRR) works to connect every Newarker to their river. Since 2008, NRR has built support for Newark's riverfront by taking hundreds of people on boat and walking tours, hosting dozens of outreach events, organizing design education programs for youth, and staging a City Hall exhibition. Since 2012, NRR has worked with Essex County, the City of Newark, The Trust for Public Land, Ironbound Community Corporation, and other partners to build and program over 15 acres of riverfront parks, including a walking and biking trail, sports fields and courts, floating boat dock, bright orange riverfront boardwalk, playground and other settings for relaxation, picnics, exercise, and environmental education.



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